

The Weekly Messenger – May 3, 2015
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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
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The fourth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies awaiting the moving of the water. The first person to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had. It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Will you be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath. http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_the_paralytic/learn/

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Tranette Ledford, Judy Valliere, Jennie Sapnas, Peter Melnik, Semele Halkedis, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Wayne Merkle, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Constantine Duka, Florence Vissar, Ann Dimitri, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Message from Father Brooks: This Sunday we hear about the healing of the man in Bethesda. He did not know who had healed him because Jesus had withdrawn. So many times we don't know who has affected our lives in minor - or major - ways. Let us thank God for those we don't know who have helped us out in one way or another. Peace to all!

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

May 3rd Fiss Family

May 10th Elvira Budo & Family in memory of Constantine Duka (Elvira's Father)

May 17th Kathy, Wendy, Vicki in memory of their mother Flossie Vissar

Upcoming Events:

May 5th Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

May 10th 40 day Memorial for Constantine (Koco) Duka also Mother's Day

May 17th 40 day Memorial for Florence Vissar

May 24th 40 Day Memorial for Ernest Douris

June 7th Sunday school graduation

April Giving: Olive Oil or a book of stamps. Thank you for the toilet paper donations in March.

Buddy Walk - Sunday, May 17, 2015: Our own altar server, John Melnik – **Team Brother John** looks forward to another great Buddy Walk this year. Please come out to do the walk, have some fun and picnic with us under the Brother John tent. We are always looking for new faces to join us as we celebrate together. If you are unable to attend the walk but would like to donate to this very worthy organization please click: <http://secure.dsadelaware.org/BuddyWalk/BuddiesAndTeams/Team.aspx?TeamID=652> If you have any questions contact Susan or Vlad Melnik. Thank you for your support.

Race for the Cure - Sunday, May 10, 2015 – Next Sunday. The event raises money for breast cancer research. Our team is **Albanians & Friends for the Cure**. If you are interested in joining our team or making a donation please click on the link below. Thank you!

http://rfcphl.convio.net/site/TR/Race/TeamRaiser/1427458808?pg=team&fr_id=1140&team_id=61720

Reader Schedule: May 3rd Edward Kokalari, May 10th Michelle Dardaris, May 17th Reader Mark, May 24th Adam Coraluzzi

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